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UPDATE ON FATHER ROY BOURGEOIS

Q. Do you have any new information on Father Roy Bourgeois, the American priest missing in El Salvador?

A. A fingerprint comparison has shown that the body found last week in El Salvador is not that of the missing Maryknoll priest. Our Embassy in San Salvador is following every possible lead.

Also, in our efforts to locate Father Bourgeois, as in our efforts to locate missing American John Sullivan, we maintain regular contact with Salvadorean authorities concerning any unidentified remains which come to their attention.

ONLY IF ASKED

Based on height and dental charts, the body is not that of John Sullivan.

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